

**Brunswick County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**  
**September 18, 2014**

**Call to Order: Tiffany Rogers**

**Members Present: 11 voting members present at the meeting. Quorum present. Members excused from the September meeting: Melinda Johnson, Bonnie Jordan, Nicole Smithers, Erin Ditta.**

Lance Britt introduced one of DJJ's interns, Justin Suggs. He is coming in to visit to see how the JCPC operates. He is a Senior at UNC Pembroke. Erin Hagen introduces a Defense Attorney that is with her today, Gina Essey. She is attending today to see if she would like to become our Juvenile Defense Attorney. Also Kristen VanOrmer stated that she was the new representative for DSS.

**I. Public Comment:**

Tiffany stated that we will now have a period of Public Comments. Gina Essey stated that she might have to leave early to go into court.

**II. Program Reports**

**1. Teen Court.**

Erin Hagen stated that Teen Court for the month of August had a beginning count of 17, with 5 admissions, and 3 successful completions, with an ending count of 19. Total YTD served 27. Two of the referrals that Teen Court got over the summer reoffended before they ever came to Teen Court. The next Teen Court will be Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 at the Courthouse.

**2. Providence Home**

Warren Mortley was absent and there was no report.

**3. Restitution.**

Monica Bender is reporting for Anita Handler. She stated that Restitution had a beginning count of 18, with 12 admissions, and 12 successful completions, with an ending count for the month of August of 18. Restitution had served 17 YTD. Monica stated that Restitution has added Mr. Breen's program to the Restitution program to offer additional sites to perform Restitution and Community Service. Anita had surgery on the 25<sup>th</sup>. She got a very good report regarding her diagnosis. Bob Breen stated that he is working on additional sites and additional days and times.

**4. Strengthening Families.**

Erin Ditta stated that for August Strengthening Families started with 8 but went down to 5. Had 2 sisters that moved to another county, the 3<sup>rd</sup> moved also. One family was court ordered to come to Strengthening Families. 5 families have been attending. Great response from the families and the kids.

**5. Coastal ART.**

Kristina Clemmons stated that school did not start back until the last week in August. ART will be starting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Grove Middle and at Waccamaw. They have 16 students at Cedar Grove and 12 students at Waccamaw.

**6. A.M.I.**

Lindsay Hanes is not present, so there is no report.

**7. D.J.J.**

Lance Britt stated he has been looking back at the last physical year and for the first time in a while there has been an increase in Juvenile crimes by way of complaints. There has been an increase in more serious crimes, some of which are sexual. He stated that we need to make sure that we are speaking to the need for early intervention. Lance states that he is very appreciative of the flexibility in the JCPC programs and their willingness to work with

families to meet their needs. He would also still like to have the Programs come to have discussion with the Court Counselors regarding their Programs.

### **III. Minutes**

**Approval of August Minutes:** Amy Horgan made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. Lance Britt seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

### **IV. Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report** – Tiffany Rogers stated that we have a balance of \$ 5,191.00.

**Membership Committee** – Erin Hagen stated that she has a possible Juvenile Defense Attorney appointee. We have been working on getting a Judge appointee/designee. Pat Sykes stated that the Commissioners approved Lora Moree for the JCPC Business representative and Maxine Elliott for the Commissioner Appointee positions. The JCPC positions that are still available: Chief of Police and the Faith Community. Ronald stated that we need to resubmit the updated JCPC member list to the county and the state.

**Community Needs Assessment** – No report.

**Monitoring** - No report.

**Community Needs Assessment** – Amy Horgan stated that Community Needs is getting the data that is needed for the upcoming year. Several people are working on collecting the data for the county. Amy stated that she would send an email regarding a meeting of Community Needs.

**Funding** - No report.

**Monitoring** – No report.

**Public Relations**- Melinda Johnson stated that she had no report.

**By-Laws** – There was no report for By-Laws.

### **Comments from Nicole:**

Nicole was absent so there are no comments.

### **Comments from Ronald:**

Ronald stated that there were two final accounting reports that the state had not received. Tiffany Rogers stated that they both had been sent out this week. Ronald stated that he would check the reports to be sure that no Program has to pay money back to the State. Reminder that in October, North Carolina is hosting the National Juvenile Justice Symposium from October 19-23. Our JCPC has several people that will be attending. The Conference will be held in Greensboro at the Curry Convention Center.

Amy Horgan updated the members on the System of Care Community Collaborative. Go to the Coastal Care website; the big issue is Family Partners. The Informational Training will be in January. Family Partners is the equivalent of peer support in the adult world. The second initiative is Youth Move. National youth led, youth run group. In August a group of trainers go to the week long training of the trainers. Now youth are being recruited to go through the leadership training. Public Awareness: Each month will have a focus. By November or December they would like to have a press kit that will go out countywide as to the events going on in the county. Pat Sykes asked if the committee's will be meeting next month. Amy stated that the Community Needs will meet before the November meeting.

Ronald stated that if we can look at the resources that we have available and the ones we don't have. He shared an experience from a JCPC from another county. The situation was that this county was seeing high numbers of youth being

charged with sexting. The JCPC worked with the schools, law enforcement, court services and other agencies. They are putting together a form to talk with parents and students about the consequences of sexting. That was a great strategy to address a problem in their area. This can show up on the youth's record. Education in the community is important.

**Meeting adjourned.** Motion to adjourn made by Lance Britt, seconded by Erin Hagen.

**Next JCPC meeting is October 16, 2014 at 1:00 pm in the David Sandifer Building second floor conference room.**